

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Aikton Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms on Monday the 13th of November 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Collins (Chairman), S Todhunter, G Thomlinson, N Quayle, T H Graham D Fairbairn (County Councillor) & G Benson.

Also present: E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr MacDonald (Allerdale Borough Councillor).

60/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

61/17 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from Councillors Oliver & Boyle.

62/17 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received in respect of items on this agenda.

63/17 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

64/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of September 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

65/17 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

66/17 Reports

- **Report from the Police Community Support Officer** – it was noted that the crime website was still not up to date but this was out of the polices hands as the website was ran by an independent company. An email from PCSO Irving advised that they were planning to hold a meeting for parish councils in each area that they covered every 10 weeks. Councillors found this agreeable depending on the times/dates with evenings being preferable.
- **Report from the County Councillor** – Cllr Fairbairn reported on the following; Road users, in particular motorcyclists and cyclists, are being put at risk by mud and debris being deposited on roads. It is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to deposit mud on the highway that would interrupt other road users. If a person is injured or endangered as a result of the mud, the person who deposited the mud is committing an offence and may face prosecution or a fine. People working off the highway who may potentially bring mud onto it must do everything they practically can to prevent mud being brought on by cleaning mud from vehicles before they are taken onto the road. This may involve hiring equipment such as wheel washers to remove the mud from the wheels. If mud is brought onto the road the road must be cleaned during the day and at the end of the day. Under the Highways Act the Highway Authority has the power to clean the roads and recover the expense from the person causing the obstruction.
- **Report from District Councillor** – Cllr MacDonald advised that highways had agreed to replace rumble strips and signage at the Great Orton junction following a fatal accident that occurred this year.

Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting - 7.50pm.

67/17 Reports from outside bodies – no report received.

68/17 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

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| ▪ Clerk's salary and expenses | £192.07 |
| ▪ HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE | £ 37.80 |
| ▪ T Todhunter – Watering Hole | £300.00 |

69/17 Financial Statements

- a) The current balances of the Council's Bank Accounts & bank reconciliation as at the 31st of October 2017 were noted & approved.
- b) A receipt received for £2300.01 from Allerdale Borough Council (Precept & CTRS Grant) was noted.

70/17 Planning Matters

No new planning applications received since the last meeting

The following grant of planning application was noted;

Ref No: HOU/2017/0195 – Erection of detached garage – Kiln Green, Aikton – Mr Andrew Armiger.

71/17 Correspondence

Clerks & Councils Direct – Newsletter
CALC – Annual Report 2017 & AGM Agenda
CALC – Sept Circular
CALC – Oct Circular
CALC – Free Cyber Awareness Training
Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter
Allerdale Borough Council – Planning Policy Consultation – Brownfield Register
Boundary Commission – Consultation on Proposals for Constituency Boundaries
Cumbria County Council – Inclusive Mobility Budget

72/17 Highway Matters

An animal carcass (possibly a dog) was in a deep ditch on the left hand side coming from Aikton on the Wiggonby to Aikton road.

73/17 Parish Precept

- a) Following a full discussion and acceptance of the budget it was agreed that the precept for the year 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 be increased to £4700 (including the CTRS grant if applicable).
- b) Grants to the PCC/Parish Magazine/Parish Rooms/Wigton Pool/ GNAA for 2018/19 were considered and it was agreed to keep the amounts as per 2017/18 with one increase to Great North Ambulance to £150.00

Cllr MacDonald left the meeting – 8.17pm.

74/17 First Aid Course

Deferred to next meeting.

75/17 Watering Hole

The grass cutting tender for 2018 to be advertised in the parish magazine early next year.

76/17 Parish Land

Deferred to next meeting.

77/17 Items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Parish Noticeboards

78/17 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Monday the 8th of January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24pm.

